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Impact Insider

Summer 2020

Dear Ms. Parsons

Since Last Time...

As the COVID 19 pandemic continues to wreak havoc on our economy, a few really cool things have taken place since the last update.

- All current Men of HOPE are working (& interestingly much more concerned with cleanliness and washing their hands than before.)
- ACE's English program went online for the month of June with much success!
- Impact was the recipient of a special grant to help offset additional costs associated with COVID 19 at HOPE Center.
- DESERVE is transporting our local Veterans to the shuttle so they can continue to receive their healthcare in Atlanta while Trinka Davis remains closed.

Impact has yet to resume "normal" operations, but the pandemic certainly hasn't slowed any of us down as we assist Men of HOPE, teach and plan for the next session at ACE, prepare for Ride for HOPE in Sept, the Yard Sale TBA, and the Impact Gala in November.

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Shout Out

Deeper Life Christian Center



BIG shout out to Deeper Life Christian Center for their incredible support during the pandemic. COVID-19 has led to major increases in expenses at HOPE Center, and Deeper Life Christian Center increased their support to help make sure we had sufficient

resources to operate through the months of June and July. Thank you Deeper Life Christian Center! Thank you too for continuing to pray and volunteer.

How to land a job

Lessons from a Man of HOPE

The day after "J" came to HOPE, he hit the pavement looking for a full-time job. He walked into Harry T's and filled out an application. A manager told him he'd take a look at it, and as he walked outside to leave, an employee threw him a rag and told him to dry the other side of a car. So, he did. After some time passed and J had helped to wash/dry more vehicles, the manager saw him and asked "what are you doing? You don't work here." J said, "I know, but he told me to dry the car." The manager responded by hiring him on the spot. And that... is one way to land a job!



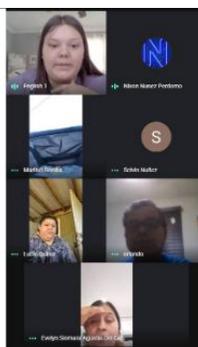
J wanted to work and his work ethic (both while looking for work and in his job) is impressive. J is indicative of most Men of HOPE. They want to work. They're willing to work hard (even in the heat). And, they want to earn a wage for their work that allows them to pay rent and support themselves without assistance from others.

Thank you Harry T's for giving Men of HOPE a chance. J is enjoying the work and really appreciates the positive environment there.

ACE Goes Online

New Vocabulary for Students & Teachers: Quarantine

Sickness Vocabulary



ACE's English Classes were suspended in March due to COVID, and we had 4 weeks remaining in our Spring Term. The students did NOT want to cancel them. But, ACE is a very small building, and it is impossible for 50 people to social distance. In fact, on most class

nights, there is **no distancing**. We're on top of each other, and usually, we like it that way. So, ACE's amazing volunteer teachers met the challenge. For the month of June, on Thursday evenings at 7 p.m., Lindsey, Annette, Tiffany, and a whole group of students met online and had class despite not being able to be together physically. We even had new students join us from another country!

Interesting fact: while we teach about health, illness, and hospitals every year, none of us had ever included the word "quarantine" in our vocabulary lists before.

Ride for HOPE

September 26, 2020

This year, more than any year, we need a leisurely, escorted ride through Carroll Co. with at least 150 other biker friends that benefits a good cause! Don't you agree?

It's time to pre-register! [PRE-REGISTER NOW](#)

The first 50 to pre-register will have a chance at winning the grand prize.



Do Something

Looking for a way to make a difference?

During these strange times, many of us are looking for ways to do something. Here are a few ways to make a difference in the west GA community:

- [DONATE](#) and be a part of providing and sustaining life changing services to the Men of HOPE through the pandemic and after.
- Be on the look out & let us know: 770-834-4007 or dsandford@impactwestga.org
 - See a house or **apartment for rent** in the area that is **less than \$500** a month, please let us know!
 - See a **full-time job** opening paying **\$10+ an hour** and might be a good fit for a man with a highschool diploma/GED, please let us know!
- Pray:
 - for city & county officials to make zoning and development decisions that lead to decent housing affordable to those working full-time and earning less than \$15 an hour.
 - for local businesses to be economically stable and pay a living wage.
- Shop locally w/ the business that have and continue to support our community.
- [VOLUNTEER](#): if you're physically able and it's safe for you to do so, there are many opportunities to serve during this time: cook a meal, set up for an event, become a mentor.

And, let's not forget - if you ride, Ride for HOPE!

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